



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2854**

Attorney Docket No. 1199 P 196

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Andrew L. Oleson

Application No.: 10/814,373  
Confirmation No.: 5499  
Filed On: March 31, 2004

Examiner: Marissa L. Ferguson

Art Unit: 2854

For: Individual Head Off-Contact Shims

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply in the above-identified Application. Applicant is other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response is set to expire on July 12, 2006. Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a one (1) month extension of time. With this extension, the time to respond is now set at August 12, 2006. Enclosed is check No. 23783 in the sum of \$120 as the fee for the extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 12, 2006**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 12, 2006, which is being filed simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**Amendments** to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.